

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Meeting of March 6, 2021

(Remote meeting via Zoom video and telephone conference)

Member Attendance

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair

Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair

Emeritus

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Lori Anne Czepiel

Anthony Liberatore

Pam Mahoney

Bruce Solomon

Sally Sunshine

Phil Young

Elected Officials

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, Liaison to WCAC

Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman

Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Town Councilwoman

Members of the Public

Rosemarie Arnold

Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton CAC

Tori Butt

Pat Loret de Mola

Douglas Carey

Mary Luster Carpenter

Cindy Cirlin, NYC

Topic(s) of interest: CPW, South Fork

Wind Farm

John Cullen

Patricia Currie, Noyac CAC

Jim Daigle

Barbara D'Andrea

Sara Davison, East Hampton

David Doty

Kathy Doyle

Alexander and Gouri Edlich

Ginny Edwards

Hersey & Quincy Egginton

Mark Evans

Howard Fine

Lynn Cronin

David Fink

John Finley

Abigail Fleming

Deb Foster, East Hampton

Michael Friedman

Alex Gertsen, Washington, DC

Sheryl Gold, East Hampton

John Hall

Michael Hansen

Leonard Harlan

Leigh Hoagland

Judith Hope, East Hampton

Si Kinsella

Rona Klopman, Amagansett CAC Chair

Sam Kramer
Francine Lembo
Bud & Phyllis Leventhal
Marian Lindberg
Susan Macy
Jordy Mark
Richard Myers
Bonnie Myers
Jeremiah Mulligan, East Hampton
Richard and Tanya Nevins
Daniel Osborn, Sag Harbor
Judith Prause
Jenny Princer, East Hampton
Cate Rogers, East Hampton
Janet Samuels

Lee Schlissel
Carole Slater
Marty Boorstein
Daniel Spelman
Eric Steinhauser
Doreen Fox
Tony Stepanski, Sag Harbor
Jon and Julie Stoner, Sagaponack
Jennifer Tanzmann
Jon & Candace Wainwright
Dianne Wallace
Chris Walsh, EH Star
Diana Weir
Michael Wright, The Press News Group

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Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair, called the meeting to order after circulating by email the names of each participant who had rsvp'd in advance to be on the call.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Logan Gluck asked the Board for approval of the January minutes. Liaison Councilwoman Sylvia Overby requested two change to the locations listed for Covid testing and the end date of the proposed leaf blower ban period. Member Bruce Solomon moved to approve the minutes with such change, Member Lori Anne Czepiel seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Chair Logan Gluck then noted that the Supervisor had announced yesterday that he decided that the referendum to consider incorporating Wainscott was insufficient to proceed.

Liaison Report: Councilwoman Sylvia Overby

Next Chair Logan Gluck invited Councilwoman Overby to present her liaison report.

Shipwrecks

Councilwoman Overby discussed some historical shipwrecks off the Wainscott coast.

Covid 19 and Business Recovery

Councilwoman Overby suggested that residents can sign up at ehtownvaccine.org for vaccine appointments. She announced that there were only 8 patients at Southampton Hospital currently. The Town has resumed accepting applications for catered events, and the Arts Council Creative Networking will begin March 4.

Hamlet Study

The study is progressing, a timeline and the zoning proposals are being developed with the Planning Department and efforts are underway to hire a consultant. The two key focuses are the Pit and associated traffic and the business overlay district.

Leaf Blower Legislation Work Session

A work session is upcoming on the proposed legislation restricting the use of diesel and gasoline leaf blowers from May 20 to September 20.

Questions then were posed by members of the WCAC and the public, regarding potential public access or participation in the meetings regarding the Hamlet Study, the process for next steps, the size of the Pit relative to the shopping center in Bridgehampton, traffic concerns, what the Hamlet Study covers, parking issues and the possibility of a 30 mph speed limit on Montauk Highway.

Committee Reports

CPF; Planning Commission

Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia reported that there is no current CPF activity relating to Wainscott. He then discussed the overall approach typically followed by the CPF and suggested that residents could view more information about the CPF and its map of potential properties at the following link on the East Hampton website: <http://www.ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3393/Protected-Lands-Map-for-Wainscott---October-2020-PDF>. In addition, member of the public David Doty added information about his experiences on the CPF.

Next Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia reported on a submission relating to 5 Rod Highway. Member of public Sam Kramer noted that the Home Sweet Home application to become a mini self-storage facility is progressing. Member of the public Hersey Egginton asked about elements of the Pit proposal that are adjacent to his neighborhood, and about how a resident would be able to obtain information about matters before or decided by the Planning Board. WCAC Member Brue Solomon next spoke about Hedges Lane and the issues that the Pit has and will in the development proposal pose for the neighborhood. A discussion ensued about the Hedges Lane community.

ARB

Member Pamela Mahoney reported on activity before the ARB, including activity relating to (i) a new residence proposed at 30 Wainscott Main Street, (ii) 5 Wainscott Hollow, (iii) 104 Main Street, (iv) 8 Sayres Path, (v) South Fork Wind Orsted/Eversource Cove Hollow substation and (vi) 8 Osborn Farm. Then questions were posed by the WCAC members of the public, including issues regarding lot lines, the clearing of trees on lots being re-built, how to obtain documents from the ARB and where to send comments to the ARB. Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea then reported on his recent efforts to familiarize members of the ARB with Wainscott issues.

Highways, Traffic and Police

Member Anthony Liberatore reported that there is nothing new to report from the Police Department or the Highway Department. A discussion ensued about the number of potholes on Beach Lane and that the Covid sign at the beach was damaged. Councilwoman Overby updated the meeting on the community survey about the police, and that the results and proposed recommendations would be presented at the Tuesday work session.

Georgica Pond

Next member of the public Sara Davison reported on Georgica Pond, including the upcoming annual dredging, the impact of the Town's septic upgrade program and

developments at the former restaurant site at Wainscott Stone and Montauk Highway that was purchased by the Peconic Land Trust.

Water Contamination

Member of public Si Kinsella reported on efforts to assess and address water contamination issues. Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel and WCAC Member Solomon complimented his efforts. It was proposed that a report on these issues be presented by Mr. Kinsella at an upcoming meeting, as well as that an independent expert be invited to speak as well.

Trees

Chair Logan Gluck reported on this new subcommittee's first meeting, and its plans to tour Main Street. Member of the public Mark Evans noted that tree branches falling creates safety issues.

Hamlet Study

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel indicated that there was nothing to report on the Hamlet Study.

Airport Revisioning

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel discussed the status of information about the Superfund site, and asked Councilwoman Overby if there was any guidance on what the WCAC could do to provide input on the Airport. Councilman Jeff Bragman also reported about developments to prepare an overlay map of the Airport. Discussion and questions from the WCAC and members of the public about the process to make decisions about the Airport, helicopters, air traffic, zoning and preserved properties. Chair Emeritus D'Andrea noted the importance of information sharing among the various communities and other stakeholders in the Airport issues.

Following that, Member Sally Sunshine moved that the meeting come to a close, which Member Phil Young seconded. At 12:12pm, Chair Logan Gluck announced that the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2021, 9am, via Zoom video and telephone conference.

Upcoming 2021 Meetings: May 1; June 5; July 10; Aug. 7; Sep. 11; Oct. 2; Nov. 6; Dec. 4; meetings are generally held beginning at 9am on the first Saturday of each month, subject to holidays or similar schedule changes, currently via Zoom video or teleconference and ultimately returning to in-person meetings at the Wainscott Chapel.